

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A bracket and pole assembly for outdoor use on a raised flooring surface includes:

(a) a bracket comprising a bracket shaft and a bottom support; the bracket being attachable to a floor joist of the raised flooring surface with the bracket shaft directly below a hole in the raised flooring surface; and

(b) a pole assembly comprising a removable hollow pole, an end portion of the pole being removably insertable in the bracket shaft and supportable on the bottom support.